at least 75 shares have been subscribed
Dec 7th 1854

Whereas The "far west" displays to the enterprising and industrious, of the most densely populated portions of our country, a wide and extended field for not only their own individual welfare and pecuniary benefit, but for the promulgation and advancement of civilization and enlightened freedom and

Whereas

That portion of the ~~the~~ the Territory of the United States which has been recently thrown into market known as the Kansas & Nebraska Territory, is now occupying more than an ordinary share of the public attention inasmuch as it is supposed to offer superior inducements to the Emigrants, and

Whereas

It is proposed to organize a Society to be composed of individuals residing in and near the counties of Broome Chenango Delaware and Otsego — and who shall emigrate to such portion of either of the above named Territories as shall be selected by a Locating Committee, hereafter appointed and which selection shall be approved of by the members of this association — and

Whereas

It is our duty to encourage and facilitate Emigration to the

Resd. And as this can the more effectually be done by organization and associated efforts through a well organized combination therefore

Resolved, That we as a Society, be governed by the following Constitution

Constitution

Art 1 1. This association shall be styled "~~The Southern~~ Free Kansas Emigration Society"

Art 2 Adopted 2 The officers of this association shall be a President a Vice President a Corresponding and Recording Secretary and a Treasurer who shall hold this offices for one year or until others are ~~appointed~~ chosen

Art 3 Adopted 3 There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the officers of this association and such other ~~three~~ 6 members of the association as may be selected at this Annual Meeting by the members, who shall have charge of the general business of the association and shall also from time to time perform such special duties as may be designated — A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business

Art 4 Adopted 4 The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and Executive Board and in his absence the Vice President and in the absence of both President and Vice President the association or Board shall choose

by open nomination a President pro tem
The presiding officer shall appoint all
Committees unless otherwise directed
by the Meetings and shall give
the casting vote. The Recording Secretary, shall keep
5. The ~~casting~~ consent of the Executive Board, upon demand may pass
The recording Secretary shall
keep all proceedings of the Meetings
~~and~~ the Association, and of the
Executive Board. The minutes of
each Meeting of the Association and
Executive Board shall be read at its
close, and corrected if needed and
approved.

6 The corresponding Secretary
shall communicate with kindred
associations and with individuals
who are engaged in promoting and
advancing the cause of Emigration
and procure by all means in his
power such facts and information
as may be ~~serviceable~~ serviceable
to the Association in attaining the
objects for which it is formed.

7 Any person of good moral character
industrious habits and sound
health may become a member by
a vote ~~by ballot~~ of a majority of the
members present of said association
on his subscribing to this constitution
and paying into the Treasury the sum
of $1.50

8 Neither the political nor religious
views of any individual shall be considered
as a bar to his joining this associa-
tion and the discussion of all such
questions at its public meetings
is strictly prohibited.

Art 7 Amended

Amended and adopted